

## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Applicant selectively amends the claims as follows:

### Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
  - 2 a data path output unit to output a packet header ~~for~~ of a packet relating to a message
  - 3 request transaction, the packet header including a format field to indicate the length of the
  - 4 packet header and to further specify whether the packet is to include data, a subset of a type
  - 5 field to indicate the packet relates to a message request transaction, and a message group sub-
  - 6 field ~~separate from the format field and separate from the subset of the type field~~ to indicate
  - 7 the packet is associated with one of a plurality of message groups.
- 1 2. (Canceled).
- 2 3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, the packet header further ~~including~~ comprising:
  - 4 a message code field to indicate a message type.
- 1 4. (Canceled).

1    5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the message group sub-field is a  
2    three-bit sub-field including one bit from [[a]] the type field and two bits from an extended  
3    type field.

1    6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
2         a data path input unit to receive a packet header ~~for~~ of a packet relating to a message  
3         request transaction, the packet header including a format field to indicate the length of the  
4         packet header and to further specify whether the packet is to include data, a subset of a type  
5         field to indicate the packet relates to a message request transaction, and a message group sub-  
6         field to indicate the packet is associated with one of a plurality of message groups.

1    7. (Canceled).

1    8. (Currently Amended). The apparatus of claim 6, the packet header further including  
2         comprising:  
3         a message code field to indicate a message type.

1    9. (Canceled).

1    10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the message group sub-field is a  
2    three-bit sub-field including one bit from [[a]] the type field and two bits from an extended type  
3    field.

1       11. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

2              a transmitting device to transmit a packet header ~~for~~ of a packet relating to a message  
3   request transaction, the packet header including a format field to indicate the length of the packet  
4   header and to further specify whether the packet is to include data, a subset of a type field to  
5   indicate the packet relates to a message request transaction, and a message group sub-field to  
6   indicate the packet is associated with one of a plurality of message groups; and  
7              a receiving device responsive to the transmitting device, the receiving device to receive  
8   the packet header.

1       12. (Cancelled).

1       13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, the packet header further including  
2   comprising:

3              a message code field to indicate a message type.

1       14. (Cancelled).

1       15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the message group sub-field is a  
2   three-bit sub-field including one bit from [[a]] the type field and two bits from an extended  
3   type field.

1       16. (New) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the message type comprises a message type to  
2   indicate a correctable error condition.

1    17. (New) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the message type comprises a message type to  
2       indicate a correctable error condition.

1    18. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the message type comprises a message type to  
2       indicate a correctable error condition.